Amendments to the Claims

Claims1-35 (canceled).

Claim 36 (currently amended): A composition comprising the isolated polypeptide of elaim 8 claim 50 and a pharmaceutically suitable excipient.

Claims 37-49 (canceled).

Claim 50 (currently amended). The An isolated polypeptide of claim 8, wherein the truncated tryptophanyl-tRNA synthetase polypeptide is a polypeptide consisting essentially of amino acid residues 71-471 of SEQ ID NO:10.

Claim 51 (currently amended). The isolated polypeptide of elaim 8, wherein the truncated tryptophanyl-tRNA synthetase polypeptide is a polypeptide of approximately 47 kD molecular weight claim 50 produced by cleavage of the polypeptide consisting essentially of residues 1-471 of SEQ ID NO:10 with polymorphonuclear leucocyte elastase.